SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT AZ RENTALS AND MORE LLC. UTV TOUR OPERATIONS SRP # 036158

SPECIAL STIPULATIONS

- 1. The tours will use existing roads and trails identified in the Middle Gila Canyons Travel and Transportation Plan, as shown on Map 1, and will keep motor vehicles on the existing travelway at all times. Any stops or parking will be on existing disturbed areas and turnouts free of vegetation growth.
- 2. The tours are planned to be half day (4 to 5 hours) in length, available 7 days a week, year round, daytime hours, and would occur based on demand. Up to one (1) tour per day may be taken into this use area. The anticipated season of use is November through April, with February through April the peak demand months.
- 3. The total amount of use is estimated at 30 to 50 tours.
- 4. The tours will use Side by Side, UTVs, with trip size ranging from 4 to 8 UTVs, with a maximum of 12 persons and 6 vehicles including the guide(s) vehicle. The typical trip size is expected to be 2 to 8 persons, with 2 to 3 vehicles. Each trip will have one to two guides, riding in a single vehicle.
- 6. The proposed tours will enter and leave the use area via Cottonwood Canyon Road; Mineral Mountain Road may also be used, depending on road conditions. The operator will meet customers in their own vehicles at the BLM Cottonwood Portal Site for parking and staging activities. The tour operator will make use of carpooling in multi-passenger vehicles from its base of operations to the staging area to reduce parking needs and congestion at the Portal Site.
- 7. Specialized Training: The tour guides will be qualified ATV/UTV riding instructors, certified by the ATV National Safety Institute. The guide will orient and train tour participants on the safe and responsible operation ATVs/UTVs on each pre-trip briefing.
- 8. Emergency Plan and Preparedness: The trip guides will have first aid and CPR training, and will carry a field First Aid kit, a cell phone or radio for emergency communications, and fire extinguisher.
- 7. Riding Helmets: All persons operating or riding an ATV will wear a helmet while on a tour as required by Arizona laws and regulations.
- 8. Educational Materials: The operator will develop cooperatively with the BLM educational themes to incorporate in the tour's trip talk with customers. The themes will be aimed at promoting awareness and sensitivity for Sonoran desert resource values, wildlife habitat, historic/cultural resources, and resource protection.
- 9. Resource Protection: The tour operator is responsible for supervising customer's behavior, and ensuring natural and cultural resources on public lands are not damaged or destroyed by the tour activity (No off road riding, no alcohol, no littering, no disturbing wildlife or plants, or historical or archaeological artifacts or structures).
- 10. Weed Prevention: The operator will maintain vehicles washed and clean, and free of soil clumps and any plant parts which may contain weed seed to prevent introducing and spreading weed seeds in the riding area.
- 11. Renewal of the permit for subsequent years will be subject to conformance with BLM road designation changes (if any) and activity plan or Resource Management Planning decisions for use of public lands in the area.